

Minutes
Executive Session
Monday, February 24, 2014

Executive Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a motion made by Vice-Mayor Truitt and seconded by Councilman Baull. All were in favor.

Those present during the session were: Chief Toomey, Stacey Long, Town Administrator, Town Attorney Rob Witsil, and the following council members: Brad Connor, Marjie Eckerd, Norwood Truitt, Brian Baull, and Theresa Ulrich.

Chief Toomey informed the council that he has prepared a package showing what other police departments make throughout Sussex County. He explained that he is the 2nd lowest paid Chief of Police. Secretary/Treasurer Eckerd stated that he is comparing Dagsboro to beach area towns with much more revenue than that of Dagsboro. Chief stated that he compared Dagsboro to those that had almost the same amount of officers. She then asked why did Dagsboro, a population of 830, need 5 police officers and a bomb dog. Chief Toomey went through last year's statistical reports. The Council all agreed that the police are a valuable service to the Town and that they will need to look at the budget at the end of the fiscal year to see if there is enough funds to give the police department a raise. The Council explained that the funds were available to give the administrator a raise because it was able to be pulled from the water fund, since a majority of her time is spent on water related issues. Unfortunately, the police raises would come from the general fund and the town just had to raise taxes this year just to balance the budget. Chief Toomey thanked the Council for listening to his presentation and then left the meeting.

At 6:57 p.m. Councilman Baull made a motion to exit Executive Session and it was seconded by Norwood Truitt. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacey Long, Town Administrator